

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in reply to the Office Action of January 24, 2006, a reply to which is due by April 24, 2006.

The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 12-1295 any charges required by the filing of these papers.

Reconsideration of the rejections of record is respectfully requested in light of the following comments.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form or browser-executable code. In response to this objection Applicants have deleted the embedded hyperlink. In view of this amendment to the specification Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Claims 1, 4-6 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is the Examiner's Claims 1, 4-6 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is the Examiner's position that in Claims 1, 5, 13 and 14, it is not clear what "system-compatible functional composition" means. The Examiner has looked to the specification for guidance and only finds that this language is defined as "a functional composition" and how it relates to a fragrance in the candle composition. The Examiner states that it is not clear what effect a system-compatible insect repellent or air freshener would have when used in the candle composition.

In view of this rejection Applicants have amended Claims 1, 5, 13 and 14 by deleting the terms a system-compatible insect repellent or air freshener. As currently amended the Claims recite a system-compatible functional perfume composition which is supported on page 4 of the specification.

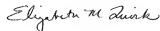
"The term system-compatible functional composition is herein intended to mean functional compositions, for example fragrance compositions which, when made part of the gellant-solvent system do not compromise the transparency of the candle by causing haze or cloudiness, due to, for example, phase separation, or syneresis to occur as a result of the composition being admixed with the gellant-solvent system".

Claim 15 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in full compliance with all statutory provisions and the reasons for rejection of record are no longer applicable. No new matter has been added.

Early and favorable consideration of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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